

Ottawa, Week by Week

(By M. L. SCHWARTZ)

Questionnaire For Farmers

The Dominion-Provincial Conference on Farm Labor held here decided to circulate a questionnaire to Canada's 700,000 farmers asking them if they would be prepared to accept, and have compensation for, families of persons. So far only single persons have been brought in for such purposes.

Uncertainty in Capital

While the farmer's prospects in general appear fairly good for 1949, yet the likely returns of the Canadian farmer after that are now relatively uncertain on account of the uncertainty about the British markets. It is stressed that well informed Canadian farmers should be aware of this. In fact, a spokesman for the Canadian government has left a definite impression about this uncertainty after this year, when he stated: "We are not so sure what will happen after 1949."

What Does This Mean?

It is significant that when the Canadian government named the personnel and disclosed the six points of reference for the new Royal Commission on National Transportation went far from the wishes of the United States provinces. The governments, which were asking for solution of freight rate problems in the United States, and for other words, it is believed backstage in this capital that this new Royal Commission will not be able to give a solution to satisfy, perhaps, many of the complaints heard when the provinces themselves are expressing themselves as favoring change in the whole set-up.

Even in one reference alone, the Commission is authorized to "review and report upon the effect, if any, of economic, geographic or other factors, and under which certain sections of Canada find themselves in relation to the various transportation services therein," and this is interpreted as meeting one of the demands of the provinces. Until another point is hit, the Commission is asked to look into the Canadian National-Canadian Pacific Act, under which the two great railways are supposed to co-operate for proper economies, and it is not secret that the provinces have held that the joint Commission resulting from these efforts have not been satisfactory, so this, too, indicates a desire to meet the wishes of the provinces on transportation.

There are other points to suggest that references to the Commission follow closely the wishes of the provinces, especially since, in reality, it might be said that the Commission is asked to investigate any matter of transportation which it may consider relevant, and this is significant.

Time and Tide Wait

Representations for the new session of parliament opening here near the end of this month, all sorts are saying that the capital about new legislation or moves which the government may initiate, with these moves must be a distinct possibility that a move may be made to discontinue appeal to the Privy Council in Britain, so that the last or latest court of appeal for Canadians would be the Supreme Court of this country.

Of course, any move in this direction would be involving an important constitutional question. It is equally important that there should be no misunderstanding of the reasons behind such a constitution. Indeed, it is necessary to emphasize now that, even if appeal to the Privy Council are abandoned, it is not necessary to weaken whatever actual political meaning to the action. It certainly does not imply any weakening of Commonwealth relations, nor any straining of

National Grain Tests

New Weed Killing Chemicals in Texas

Two years ago, National Grain agriculturists went to California and took advantage of winter growing conditions there to prove the value of the new super-chloride 2,4-D spraying in time to make this method usable during the summer of 1947.

Representatives of the National Grain Agricultural Department are now conducting further extensive winter experiments near Kennedy, Texas, to test out this different 2,4-D chemical formula in order to make the results available for use by Canadian farmers next summer.

Tests will be made on fax varieties similar to those grown in Canada, and also on small grains.

They will be conducted with the co-operation of representatives of the United States department of agriculture.

All Texas experiments will represent a continuation of several similar experiments conducted by the National Grain during the past five years.

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any link abroad. According to the new transaction along Parliament Hill, a move to abolish such practical would actually imply a practical move to abolish such practical in this country would be in tune with the times and a change which has occurred to make itself felt in the government's action, that is all there is to it.

Overwhelming Majority

With 15 vacancies, the Senate here will start its new session this year showing an Upper Chamber of 16 Progressive-Conservatives compared to no less than 15 Liberals. In addition, it is anticipated that when Newfoundland's union with Canada is finalized on March 31st next, 15 additional senators will likely be named from that tenth province.

Deal Made

It is understood here that Trade Minister Howe will be Prime Minister St. Laurent's desk mate when the session opens at Ottawa, Gordon Graydon, M.P., will be the same for Opposition leader, George Drew.

Banked New Organization

The appointment of Mr. S. D. Poirer, Canadian ambassador to Mexico and recently returned to the capital from Europe, where he looked after Canada's purchases or interests arising out of the operations of the Marshall Plan, is understood to be linked with the creation of a staff and organization here just in case of a wartime emergency. He has been named Deputy Assistant Minister of Trade and Commerce charged with the responsibility of procurement for the armed forces, stockpiling of strategic materials, etc., particularly involving close relationships with the Canadian government and present agencies of the United States.

Demand Protest

On behalf of the Canadian episcopate and all Canadian Catholics, Archbishop of Ottawa, Most Rev. Alexandre Vachon, has issued a statement to Prime Minister St. Laurent to lodge a strong protest with the Hungarian government against the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty, and the charges of "treason." The request is accompanied here with a message to Cardinal Mindszenty, who has been charged with committing an act against the Hungarian government while at Budapest, June 21, 1947, where on that date he was actually in Ottawa for the Marian Congress and remained here until June 25.

Mindszenty's sole conservation program is the most advanced in Canada, according to Professor J. H. Ellis of the University of Manitoba.

DELIA LEADERS' AID

The January meeting of the Delia United Church Ladies' Aid was held in the Delia church on Thursday, January 6th. In the absence of the president, the vice-president, Mrs. J. McCully, presided over the meeting.

The usual business procedure was followed.

It was moved by Mrs. Davidge, that \$3.00 be sent to the Naramata training school for leaders of young people.

The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and received by the members with well-earned satisfaction.

The treasurer's annual report showed:

Carried over, 1947..... \$332.47
Total for 1948..... 680.15

Expenditures..... 692.63

Total on hand..... \$429.91

Mr. Davidge then took the chair to preside during elections.

After a few fitting remarks to the members the election proceeded.

Those elected were:

Mrs. J. McCully—President.
Mrs. R. Morrison—1st Vice-President.

Mrs. L. Dunfield—2nd Vice-President.

Secretary—Mrs. Peters.

Treasurer—Mrs. Bob Sinclair.

Manse Committee—Mrs. Macpherson, Mrs. W. Gibson, Mrs. J. J. O'Brien.

Diak Committee—Mrs. Stoney Press, Mrs. Peter.

Visiting Sick Committee—Mrs. Davidge and Mrs. Lees.

Mrs. Davidge then moved a vote of thanks to outgoing officers.

Mrs. J. McCully then resumed the chair as the president.

Her first duty was to thank Mr. Davidge for his encouraging remarks and willing co-operation at all times.

The hostesses for February to be Mrs. Doug. Morrison and Mrs. Peters. The program to be in charge of Mr. R. Morrison.

There were ten members present.

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Sunbeam News

Meena, George Slater and Stanley Dooling, from Drobek, flew up Monday afternoon and visited at the Nelson home.

Calgary visitors during the week were Robert Sargent, and Mrs. Wm. Campbell and daughter Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Nelson, and Ray Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holland motored to Calgary on Monday last, where they will reside for the next few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fissette from Sinclair, Manitoba, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art. Nelson, on route to Malakwa, B.C.

Mrs. Christina Smith spent the New Year week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nelson.

Mrs. Jean Harrison from Calgary, Alberta, and Mrs. Mary Higgins bus to spend the New Year week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Waters of Delia, spent Saturday last at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Alex. Dick.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith motored out from Calgary on Friday last, and spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nelson.

Mr. Harold Place of Calgary, motored out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holland for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Ridley motored out from Calgary on Friday last, and spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nelson.

Mrs. Clifton and Gifford Chambers were Calgary visitors the forepart of the week.

Jimmie Smith was a Ryerson visitor last week end.

English Journey

By WALTER R. LEBGEE

In this column of articles in my hope to present an accurate picture of conditions as they are in England today, to those who are interested with what I found when there with Canadian friends in 1947, and to make them so interesting as possible.

There are so many conflicting reports of what the English are now enduring that this will be an effort to present factual information as I find it. To begin with, it is difficult but impossible to get bookish to Europe today. There still is a serious shortage of ships, but Mrs. Legge and I were fortunate in being able to get accommodation on the Atlantic, leaving Halifax in April, and returning from Liverpool on the ship.

Mr. Abbott's dollar saving programme has not made a travelling man any poorer. It has stopped the privilege of allowing friends to go on board, and you are off alone on board, passengers are not allowed to come off again before the ship.

The boat train arrived at Halifax at about 2 p.m. and those passengers (mostly of my party) who went on board were forced to stay there, and to wait until the next morning at 10:30 p.m. that night.

Although the passenger must decide on his own whether to stay or to go, it is generally only used as an added means of saving money.

Why Plant Weeds?

Lethbridge Experimental Station Weekly Letter

Though the new year is young, the preparation of seed for spring planting should be given serious consideration before too long. It is known that a good percentage of grain planted is not fit for seedling due to the presence of weed seeds.

The Lethbridge Experimental Station, with other institutions throughout the country, are conducting experiments to see how many weeds are for weeds of all kinds. The results are of value, but little benefit can be derived by the farmer from experimental weed control tests if weed seeds continue to be planted along with grain.

The simplest, cheapest, and most effective measure of weed control is to seed clean grain rather than a mixture of grain and weed seeds.

The fact that it is contradictory to plant clean seed on dry land does not mean that seed grain should not be cleaned. Certain measures

Don't Let Weeds and Grasshoppers Eat Up Your Farm Income

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Dominion Bureau of Statistics

(Issued December, 1948)

Registrations of Births, Deaths and Marriages, November, 1948

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today the number of registrations of births, deaths and marriages during the month of November, 1948, in Canada, in the provinces and in the cities, towns and villages of Canada, having a population of 10,000 and over.

This report is compiled from information submitted to the Bureau through the offices of the Provincial Registrar of Vital Statistics and the local registrars, and provides the current figures as an index of the incidence of births, deaths and marriages throughout the Dominion of Canada.

It is worth noting that a record of the registrations of births, deaths and marriages during the month of November, 1948, in Canada, was 6,592, compared with 14,126 in 1947, and 5,015 in 1946, showing a decrease of 5,534 in 1948, and a decrease of 9,111 in 1947.

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Decoratively SPEAKING

(By Francis James)
Dear Mrs. Jones:
We recently bought a new house which we have finished redecorating, except for the kitchen. This is a bit of a problem. It is quite large (14 x 8 ft.), and although we have the usual amount of equipment in it, it is somewhat lack luster. At present it is painted with cream walls and pale green woodwork, matching cupboard doors and below the sink and over the stove one wall. The floor is covered with darker green linoleum with a white cross-hatch pattern. The effect is really very pretty, but I think, rather ordinary. Could you suggest some more interesting treatment for this room? Also something that would give it a more appearance?—Mrs. B. McC.

Dear Mrs. B. McC.:
In a kitchen the size of yours, plain walls are bound to be dull and clinical in appearance. Actually, it is the walls that the main decorative appeal of the room must lie in—

Can Change Color of the Human Skin

CHICAGO—A chemical which can change the color of human skin and successfully turned several hundred Negro women partly white was demonstrated at a meeting of skin specialists here.

The strange action of the chemical was described by Dr. Louis Schwartz, dermatologist at the dermatology clinic of the U.S. public health service, at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology and Syphilology, a spokesman for the group.

The chemical is monobenzoic ether hydroquinone, a synthetic substance which is able to block the production of coloring matter in the surface of the skin, Schwartz said.

He considered the chemical's action a serious dermatological condition which might be dangerous and caused against anyone attempting to change the color of the skin.

He said the chemical's effects were discovered during the war when several hundred Negroes in the army were treated with the chemical to make their skin paler in the south in case of contact with the compound.

Negroes turned white in about 30 days wherever the chemical touched them, usually on the arms and hands, he said.

Experts were called in by the government to investigate and helped prevent the chemical from being used to prevent damage by oxygen in manufacture of rubber products.

Many of the Negroes whom army or other parts of the body turned white received cash payments in compensation settlements of claims that the chemical had caused damage to the skin, among them Mrs. Schwartz said.

He said the chemical's action on the skin, with only one application, lasted for a few months to about three years.

PEASANT HUNTER FINDS LUCK BEGINS AT HOME

MELNADUCK—Jim Wright spent his first successful weekend photographing and hunting but he did not realize his luck until he returned home.

Wright, a well-known hunter, was chasing two fire-breathing pheasants, when he saw a pair of quail. He shot them and found they were his lucky ones.

ON THE SIDE

The blindest and the hardest part of life will find occasion to be blind. And the hardest part of life will find occasion to be blind.

The above is an excerpt from a poem quantity titled "Mental Pheasant" by the poet, J. M. Wright. It is a poem about the blind and the blind.

How you can be blind? Do you know what makes the friendship between King Edward VII and the beautiful Lily Langtry? It was because, at a party, Lily Langtry told King Edward VII that she was blind.

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There is little chance to insert letters in the type of furnishing from the modern kitchen. We would suggest, therefore, that you paper your room in one of the light, bright colors designed especially for these purposes, which are found in the market today. You'll find them in shades of light blue, pale green, pale yellow, etc. In any of the standard patterns portraying everything from flowers to abstract designs to plain geometric patterns. Since you really had to have a kitchen in good condition, why not get the paper with a light green background with designs of yellow and red in the design.

Dear Miss James:
Our master bedroom has a large choice cupboard measuring four feet square and six feet deep. There are also two smaller cupboards which are enough for the clothes of my husband and myself, and I am thinking of making a powder room out of the large closet. Could you give me any ideas as to wallpaper, arrangement of vanity, or vanity area?—Mrs. F. E. T.

Dear Mrs. F. E. T.:
In a closet is a new way, which could be a very important accessory to the master bedroom. One you have said nothing about the color and design of your bedroom wallpaper. You should consider the color of the paper in your powder room should contrast with the color of the closet.

If you have used a suit colored material for your closet, for example, choose a striking and colorful, harmonizing colors for the powder room.

The closet is four feet square, and seems fairly obvious that your wall should be a color that contrasts with the color of the closet.

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Four generations attended the 100th birthday celebration of Mrs. Barbara Zurling of New Hamburg, near Kitchener, Ont. Shown from left to right are her son, J. M. Zurling, London, Ont. great-grandson, Richard Rich, New Hamburg; Mrs. Zurling; her granddaughter, Mrs. Lorna Rich; two great-granddaughters, Elizabeth and Barbara Zurling. Mrs. Zurling is 94 years old.

As you see, Mrs. Zurling is 94 years old, and her great-granddaughter, Mrs. Lorna Rich, is 100 years old. The photo shows four generations of the Zurling family.

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Inbreeding Fowls Has Possibilities

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Tree Planting Campaign Meets Success

The Tree Planting Campaign opened its twenty-eighth consecutive season in Western Canada last evening at a meeting on March twenty-second, 1944. Meetings on tree planting were held in 14 communities across the province, with a total of 1,000 trees planted. The campaign is a joint effort of the government and the public. It is a campaign to plant trees for the future. The campaign is a joint effort of the government and the public. It is a campaign to plant trees for the future.

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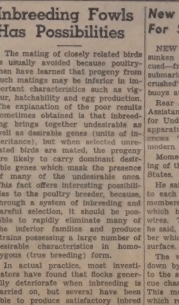
Australia May Get Very Nice Present

EDINBURGH, Australia.—Maybe "Trade Australia" is going to have a nice present from the gift of 122,000 trees.

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New Rescuing Device For Sunk Ships

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Men trapped in sunken submarines now can be rescued from "any depth" to which a submarine has been wrecked.

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Predicts New Look In Men's Clothes

MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—The men who decide to a great extent what the well-dressed Canadian will wear predict a new look, a new price in men's clothing.

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OLD SALEM ALWAYS TAKES ITS CHRISTMAS SERIOUSLY



Spectacular and gleaming Star of Christmas, the Moravian Star presides to the Moravian community of Winston-Salem, N.C., is made from white parchment by Mrs. J. F. Shafter.

BY CENTRAL PRESS CANADIAN

Old Salem, the colonial-town port of modern, bustling Winston-Salem, N.C., made Christmas a thing of beauty and joy, something never to be forgotten by those who have visited the old town during the holidays. The Moravian people, an Catholics at heart, in miniature buildings, houses, people and animals, had been dressed and repaired and went on to the annual "Christmas Love Feast".



There's nothing complicated about a Moravian star. Miss Thoma, 85, tries out her handiwork. She and other ladies will make around 16,000 candles for the Christmas season.—Central Press Canadian.

Government Has Cat On Payroll

OTTAWA, (News)—Noboy calls Daisy Mae an "alley cat" and gets away with it. She comes from a noble line of cat-owners. As the only cat on the government payroll she commands respect wherever she struts about the dusty stacks in the library of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Classified as exterminator Grade 2 in the civil service, she draws a government salary of \$11 a month, but with milk prices the way they are nowadays, they figure this is barely enough to get a cat's whiskers—about 10¢ for the milk and 10¢ for the milk. The big red D.B.S. building Daisy has the reputation of being able to draw in three miles size fat—half-pound of chopped meat.

Kate Prods

She was hired to clean out the shops which used to frolic bobby up and down D.B.S. corridors. But the tool her job so seriously that she ate up all her profits.

As a cat has been around the place since Daisy discovered the last one behind a drain-pipe in the basement. An increase in the family living age jumped Daisy's confidence in young milk to food and not a rat-eatable she learned to follow work for her.

They responded nobly, establishing a milk fund for the little family. The family friends at D.B.S. are in the habit of giving her a little extra when they come to the office.

While a cat on a government payroll may be unusual in Canada, it is not in the United Kingdom government. Daisy's friends at D.B.S. are in the habit of giving her a little extra when they come to the office.

Miss Thoma is making the ever-so-called candles for the annual "Christmas Love Feast". She is going to make about 16,000 candles for the Christmas season.—Central Press Canadian.

FAMOUS SCULPTOR—Angustian Saint-Gaudens, famous sculptor, was appointed to a new post in 1940. He was 80 years old at the time.

MOST VALUABLE CROP—Prosperity was Puerto Rico's rich crop, worth \$400 a acre in 1940. It is now worth \$250 for sugar cane.

Canadians Too Modest Say Publicity Chief

TORONTO.—Canadians are too modest about their country and their achievements, D. Leo Dolan, Chief of the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, told the American Travelers Association.

In an address prepared for delivery at the Association's annual banquet, Mr. Dolan said:

"We have not put into our Canadian activities and our Canadian achievements the fervor and enthusiasm that I find in the United States."

"I don't hear people from Ontario boasting of the province or the way it always has the 'Tremaine' hotel when I go to Dallas. I don't even hear the people of the Pacific Coast—showing that they had been to the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce about Southern California."

"In Quebec I find great enthusiasm for that province, but even there the people are not doing as much boasting and shouting about Quebec as they should."

Germans Girls Reverse Custom

REGENSBURG, Germany.—They call it "festeren" through the window and rebought obligations. It's called "festeren" through the window and rebought obligations. It's called "festeren" through the window and rebought obligations.

Barbarians and girls at a night-time "mash" visit of the house. The girls are not doing as much boasting and shouting about Quebec as they should.

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STAMP CORNER

By JAMES MONTAGNE

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Canadian Agriculture in 1949 Reviewed At Annual Conference

At the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference held in Ottawa early in December, papers were presented reviewing the probable prospects for agriculture in 1949. The following is a digest of the papers.

World and Domestic—Despite more extensive destruction and economic depression during 1948, the world economy has produced a surplus of capacity in the past three years than in the corresponding period after World War I and has not recovered at any major level.

OFF TO LONDON—Lady E. Mountbatten, Duchess of Lichfield, New York, before leaving a party on her way to London. She is to go to the royal family and see the British capital.

YOUR EMPLOYER

Even fairly obvious truths have been getting themselves muddled or confused of late. In days gone by we didn't expect government to look after us. Government directed as we continued to carry our own brains. Work, was something we accepted as an opportunity and an obligation, not as a tyranny to be escaped whenever and wherever possible. Perhaps much of the change is due to a confusion in our own thinking.

Charles Brannan, the electrical engineer, perhaps explains slightly toward the end of 1948. Cash farm income assuming average crops should remain close to the high levels of 1947 and 1948. Some paid farmers will probably remain in the 1948 level or show some gain.

Wheel—After allowing 150 million bushels for domestic use and 150 million for export, the 1948 wheat crop will be 150 million bushels short of the 1948 wheat crop.

Beef Steers—The demand for beef steers in 1949 is expected to be about the same level as in 1948. Farm prices may decline as a result of an abundant supply of competing products.

Anxious To Serve

COLUMBIA, Ohio.—A well-dressed man in a suit and tie, wearing a white shirt and tie, was seen in the office of the U.S. Penitentiary recently.

ECONOMIST SAYS

Food Surpluses To Return Soon

NEW YORK.—The world is headed toward food surpluses and from food shortages. The world is headed toward food surpluses and from food shortages.

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